

Word list

The numbers / track references in brackets indicate the first occurrence of each word/phrase in the unit.

Unit 9

appropriate *adjective* (97) suitable or right for a particular situation or occasion appropriate to your age

a variety of factors *phrase* (CD2 T03) many different things that influence a situation A variety of factors influence our choice of partner.

breathless *adjective* (CD2 T03) not able to breathe easily, usually after doing something that needs a lot of effort We were breathless after the steep climb.

complement *verb* (CD2 T02) to make something else seem better or more attractive when combining with it Strawberries and cream complement each other perfectly.

consistent *adjective* (96) in agreement with other facts or with typical or previous behaviour, or having the same principles as something else What the witness said in court was not consistent with the statement he made to the police.

count *verb* (CD2 T02) to have value or importance I've always believed that happiness counts more than money.

devote your life to *phrase* (96) to spend all your life doing something She devoted her life to her family.

dominating *adjective* (CD2 T02) A dominating person likes to be in charge of a situation and tries to control other people. He tends to be rather dominating.

give and take *phrase* (CD2 T02) willingness to accept suggestions from another person and give up some of your own All marriages rely on a bit of give and take.

go to extremes *phrase* (CD2 T02) to do something in the strongest way possible, in a way that most people think is unreasonable Just do a little bit of exercise – there's no need to go to extremes.

have little to do with *phrase* (97) to hardly be connected with something Our problems had little to do with his fame.

have something in common *phrase* (99) to share interests, experiences or other characteristics with someone We don't have much in common.

immeasurably *adverb* (97) in a way that is so great that it cannot be measured The damage from the 1956 hurricane was immeasurably greater.

irrational *adjective* (CD2 T03) not using reason or clear thinking It's totally irrational, but I'm frightened of mice.

irritable *adjective* (CD2 T03) becoming annoyed very easily She was irritable with the children.

now you come to mention it *phrase* (CD2 T03) used when something someone says reminds you of a fact Now you come to mention it, he wasn't at work today.

opening gambit *noun* (CD2 T02) the first thing you say when you start a conversation I tried to think of a clever opening gambit.

outgoing *adjective* (CD2 T02) (of a person) friendly and energetic and finding it easy and enjoyable to be with others Sales reps need to be outgoing, because they are constantly meeting customers.

overall *adverb* (97) considering everything or everyone Overall, I think the meeting went well.

pager *noun* (96) a small device that you carry or wear, which moves or makes a noise to tell you that someone wants you to telephone them I always have my pager with me.

point out *phrasal verb* (CD2 T03) to tell someone something, often because you believe they do not know it or have forgotten it I pointed out that Tom already had a lot of work to do.

put up with *phrasal verb* (CD2 T02) to accept or continue to accept an unpleasant situation or experience I can't put up with her rudeness any longer.

recurring *adjective* (CD2 T03) experienced repeatedly a recurring dream

row *noun* (CD2 T03) a noisy argument I heard my neighbours having a row.

statistically *adverb* (CD2 T03) using information based on a study of the number of times that something happens or is present Statistically, young men are more likely to be attacked than young women.

stimulate *verb* (CD2 T03) to make someone excited and interested about something The film was intended to stimulate and amuse.

take for granted *phrase* (CD2 T02) If you take someone for granted, you do not realise or show that you are grateful for the things they do for you. My husband is starting to take me for granted.

threatening *adjective* (CD2 T03) expressing a threat of something unpleasant or violent The situation soon became threatening.

time well spent *phrase* (CD2 T02) a period of time in which you have done something useful The time it took to correct the essay was time well spent.

tremble *verb* (CD2 T03) to shake slightly, usually because you are cold, frightened or very emotional She trembled as she stood up to address the hall.